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- the concise explanation set forth in the attached English language abstract, for Refs. AG, AH, AI and AL;
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	AF	11-267206	10/1999	JAPAN			Partial
	AG	7-213610	08/1995	JAPAN			Abstract
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